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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2005, for which a response was due on July 14, 2005, and for which a one-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from July 14, 2005, to August 15, 2005 (the first business day following August 14, 2005), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

There are no amendments to the drawings.

Remarks begin on page 8.